



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 7282  
Dane Kenton Parker, et al. ) Docket No.: DN2001214  
For: PREPARATION AND USE OF A ) Art Unit: 1714  
NANOCOMPOSITE OF ELASTOMER AND ) Examiner: Katarzyna I Wyrozebski  
EXFOLIATED CLAY PLATELETS FORMED ) Lee  
IN SITU WITHIN AN ELASTOMER HOST )  
AND ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE, )  
INCLUDING TIRES, HAVING AT LEAST )  
ONE COMPONENT COMPRISED THEREOF )  
Serial No.: 10/037,539 )  
Filed: December 21, 2001 )

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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated May 21, 2004, no paper number given, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.